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RELIABLE GROCERS.

ANOTHER BIG EXCURSION.

The Astoria & Columbia River Portland Railroad Company's Sunday excursions to Seaside, from Portland, are opening up in fine shape, as far as numbers are concerned. The second of the series arrived here yesterday promptly at 11:30 o'clock, with 580 people billed for the coast, and all looking happy in an anticipatory sort of way. They look, for the most part, like tired clerks and saleswomen, eager for an outing and enjoying the hour of relaxation to the full. There are ten cars on the string yesterday, all full.

Hotel Irving—European plan. The only steam-heated hotel in Astoria; large and airy rooms; prices from 50 cents to \$1.50; well prepared and daintily served meals at 25 cents. Special rates per week or month for room and board to permanent guests. Our bus meets all trains and steamboats.

MASONIC MEETING.

There will be a special communication of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M. held at Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. By order of the W. M. Attest: E. C. Holden, secretary.

WANTED ELSEWHERE.

There is more trouble ahead for B. B. Harris, the Astorian who is serving a five months' sentence in the Marion county jail. The Seattle chief of police recently sent here for a photograph of Harris to ascertain whether he is the man that is wanted in that city on the charge of forgery. The local prisoner was identified to be the man for whom the police have been looking. Not only are the Seattle authorities after Harris, but those of Portland also wish to have him examined on the charge of obtaining money under false pretence.—Salem Journal.

A LIBERAL OFFER.

Herman Wise will give 10 per cent of all cash sales during the balance of this month to the relief of the earthquake sufferers in California. As Mr. Wise carries the largest stock of men's and boys' goods and has all of his goods marked in plain figures, you will do well to buy your goods from Mr. Wise and indirectly help those who are in want in California.

All For San Francisco—The Woman's Club of this city has determined to turn over to the relief committee of this city, for the benefit of the suffering San Franciscans, all the excess funds arising from their grand concert to be given in the Elks' lodge-room on the night of April 24th, next Tuesday. And the 71ks have generously given them the rent of the big room free of cost. Everybody should turn out and make it a grand success.

WE PAY YOUR MONEY BACK

If you do not like

Hill Bros High Grade Vacuum Packed Mocha & Java Coffee Better

than any other you have ever used. Try it; the taste will tell.

JOHNSON BROS.

GOOD GOODS.

118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

COLUMBIA BURNED

Fine Harriman Steamer Destroyed in San Francisco.

COMPANY HAS HARD LUCK

Every Boat Operated by the Corporation in Coast Traffic Has Been Ill-Used During the Last Three Years.

Thrown over on her side by the first shock of the earthquake, the steamer Columbia caught fire while she was occupying a berth on the Union Iron works drydock at San Francisco and was totally destroyed. The engineers, firemen and others of the crew who were on the steamer at the time narrowly escaped with their lives. Their licenses and other belongings were lost.

A letter giving an account of the affair was received in Portland Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Murphy, wife of E. G. Murphy, third assistant engineer on the vessel. Until then it was believed by the local officials of the Harriman steamship lines that the Columbia was safe. As the drydock is in a remote part of the water front, far removed from a district of a continuous line of buildings, it was believed that the steamer would not be damaged.

The Columbia was one of the finest steamers on the coast. For the past twenty years she has been plying regularly between Portland and San Francisco in the freight and passenger trade. About two weeks ago she was taken out of commission temporarily to be given a general overhauling. During her enforced layoff the company had secured the steamer Barraconta to take her first trip, however, the disaster occurred and the company cancelled her sailing date.

Until other arrangements can be made the company will have no other vessel on the route but the Costa Rica. It is probable that she will be tied up temporarily on account of the decision reached by the California authorities not to permit any vessel to leave the Bay City carrying freight.

Disaster has overtaken every steamer which has been operated by the Harriman interests in the coast service during the past two or three years. About eighteen months ago the steamer Elder was wrecked in the Columbia river by running on a ledge of rocks near Goble while she was bound from Portland to San Francisco. After spending nearly \$50,000 to raise the vessel the company turned her over to the underwriters, who also failed to remove her. About six months ago she was purchased by J. H. Peterson of Portland for \$10,000. The work of trying to raise her from the rocks on which she has settled is still in progress.

A few months later the company lost the steamer St. Paul, another handsome coaster, which cost close to a quarter of a million dollars. In a heavy fog she drifted into the breakers and on the rocks off Point Gorda, California, while bound from the Bay City to Portland. The following day her passengers were picked up by other steamers and all were saved. The steamer's bones are bleaching on the sands close to the spot where the wreck occurred.

The steamer Oregon, chartered by the company to assist in taking care of the heavy traffic, caught fire off Crescent City and was saved from total destruction only through heroic efforts of her officers and crew. For two days they fought the flames and succeeded in getting the vessel to San Francisco, although she was badly damaged.

It is estimated that the Columbia cost close to \$250,000. She was by far the best equipped boat running out of Portland. Captain Doran had been in command of her for years. She was built at Chester, Penn., in 1880 and soon afterwards was brought around the Horn to the Pacific Coast. The steamer was 309 feet long, 38.55 feet across the beam, 14.4 feet deep and of 2,721.89 tons gross register.—Portland Journal.

Ladies—We are now prepared to furnish you with our latest styles of up-to-date dress and street hats for adults and also for the little misses. Our prices are right. At the Fair Eastern Millinery in the Star Theatre Building. 4-8.

Pacific Orchestra will give a dance in Suomi Hall, Uniontown, Saturday, April 28th, to which all are invited. eGnts. 50 cents. 4-23-2t.

Strong Attraction—Miss Anna Campbell, pupil of Nash of Portland, will be one of the performers at the concert to be given Tuesday evening April 24th at the Odd Fellows' Hall.

CLOTHES

Bought at Herman Wise's Fine Store Pressed Free of Charge Whenever You Say So.

FOR THE

CALIFORNIA SUFFERERS

Herman Wise Wont Let Any Firm in Portland Beat Him. They Offer 5 Percent of All Sales During the Balance of This Month to Relieve the Distressed. Herman Wise Will Give

10 Per Cent

Of All Cash Sales During the Balance Of This Month and Help Out California Neighbors.

Herman Wise

Astoria's Reliable Clothier

DIVORCEES, TAKE NOTICE!

The United States Supreme Court on Monday handed down a decision in a contested divorce suit which directly affects a very large per cent of all divorcees in this country. The decision, in brief, is the effect that state courts cannot grant divorces binding in other states where only the plaintiff is resident in the state where the divorce is secured and the defendant is not served with personal summons.

This decision, if rigidly adhered to, will nullify hundreds of divorces heretofore granted and brand as illegitimate scores of children born of subsequent marriages entered into by persons believing themselves legally divorced. For this reason it is attracting widespread attention among legal men and the public in general.

Among lawyers and judges the general opinion is that the decision affects only those divorces in which one party thereto resided, at the time of the granting of the decree, in a state whose divorce laws conflict with those of the state where the divorce was obtained. If, however, it is construed to apply to all divorces where one party thereto was a non-resident at the time of the decree, it will result in untold embarrassment and complications over property rights. Seattle lawyers are quoted as stating that an average of fifteen divorces are granted weekly in King county alone, fully 75 per cent of which are "default cases," where the defendant is non-resident and summons is served by publication alone.

It is believed by many that this decision is a long step toward divorce law reform and will inevitably result in national and perhaps international uniformity of these laws.—Seattle P-I.

Do not miss the excellent concert Tuesday evening April 24th under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Success has crowned our efforts of untiring endeavor and we present to the public with a confidence never before held by any other medicine, Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart, druggist.

Morning Astorian 65 cents per month.

WANTED

Saw Mill Men, \$2.25 per day.

Yard Men, \$2.00 per day.

Ten Boys, Over 16 Years Old to Work In Box Factory.

TONGUE POINT LUMBER CO

ASTORIA, ORE.

Come, come, come, to the concert. N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattress making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

THE PICTURE WORLD.

When you are in need of anything in the photographic line in the amateur way, kodaks, films, plates, cards, mounts, and all the technical details of the business, and want the best and last in the way of artistic development, just go to Frank Hart, the druggist, and tell him so. That is all.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

The Municipal League will hold its convention on April 23rd, in the Fishermen's hall at 7:30 p. m. 4-10 13t

Baseball goods at Svenson's.

Giant Pansies, new varieties, of carnation plants, geraniums for outdoor planting, etc. Columbia Nursery Co. 516 Bond street.

LEST YOU FORGET.

Is it not about time you were getting that buggy fixed up? It may need new rubber tires or perhaps some other repairs. If so, take it to Andrew As Company. They also do all kind blacksmithing and repair work.

THE NIMBLE COIN.

The nimble coin of the country never does so good a thing as when it supplies a man with a well-cooked and healthful meal of the sort he is hungry for. In this instance it becomes a blessing, and no pocketbook is the poorer for the expenditure; this is why everyone you see coming out of the Palace Restaurant carries such a grateful and satisfied expression of countenance. Just watch for a day or so, and the first thing you know you'll be a steady customer there. It is one of the certainties of Astoria life.

GENTLEMEN, ATTENTION!

Astoria should have a seawall, and as it cannot be bought in Portland or Chicago it evidently must be built here. Now, if the gentlemen of this city would commence to have their clothes "built" in Astoria and become reconciled to having things made at home, they would have no difficulty in building the seawall. E. Martinson, merchant tailor, 149 Eleventh street, will build your clothes from the best that's made to the cheapest that's good. 1w.